

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012

Attending:

Councilor Jeremy Williams
Councilor Jean Lawlis
Councilor Kristen Hornbrook
Councilor Shelby Wright
Town Manager Susan Lessard

The meeting was opened at 6 p.m. by Committee Chair Wright.

1. MINUTES OF 3-26-2012 MEETING – Motion by Councilor Hornbrook, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to approve the minutes as written. Vote 4-0.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY SURVEY

1. Paving questions related to cost, adequacy, frequency
 2. Solid Waste disposal, transfer station costs
 3. Bus Service
 4. Sidewalks
 5. Lighting/intersections & streetlights

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. REQUEST FOR RECREATIONAL HARVEST OF 25 ALEWIVES –

The Town Manager reported that a request had been made from a resident to do a recreational harvest of alewives, which allows for up to 25 per day to be taken for personal use. There was some confusion between the Department of Marine Resources and the Warden Service over where this permission had to come from and the resident was directed to the Town. After contacting Claire Enterline at the Department of Marine Resources, it was clarified that the default provision in state law allows a recreational harvest as long as a Town does not have in their Alewife Harvesting Ordinance a provision which bans the practice. Hampden has a plan that has no provision in regard to recreational harvest and therefore the resident could have taken up to 25 alewives per day.

The Manager also was told during the conversation with Ms. Enterline that while the Town had reserved the right to the fishery, no commercial harvest could take place until at least five years of sampling had been done to determine the health of the fishery. This information will be forwarded to the Council for its discussions related to Alewives in March of 2013.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS – Councilor Williams expressed frustration and concern at the dangerously poor condition of Route 69 and asked if there was any type of pressure that could be put on MDOT to do something to improve the road. The Town Manager indicated that she would contact MDOT in regard to the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard
Town Manager